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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO UNSYG FROM EXTAFF MIN SHARP
RELEASED THIS AFTERNOON, JULY 25:

BEGIN QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF JULY 22, I AM
PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CANADIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS TODAY DECIDED TO AUGMENT THE SIZE
OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS
PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS.

WHILE THE PRECISE DETAILS OF THE SIZE
AND NATURE OF THE AUGMENTATION ARE STILL
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BEING WORKED OUT, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE

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CANADIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO BRING THE
CANADIAN CONTINGENT UP TO THE SIZE AND
CAPABILITY OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION. THIS
WOULD INVOLVE AN INCREASE FROM THE CONTINGENT'S
PRESENT SIZE OF 486 MEN TO APPROXIMATELY 950.
IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE AIRLIFT OF THE
AUGMENTATION FORCE TO CYPRUS CAN BEGIN WITHIN
96 HOURS.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THAT IN
TRANSMITTING THIS DECISION TO YOU I MAKE CLEAR
THAT THE AUGMENTATION IS TO BE CONSIDERED A
TEMPORARY MEASURE WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN THE
CURRENT MANDATE OF THE FORCE IS REVIEWED PRIOR TO
ITS EXPIRY ON DECEMBER 15, 1974. I HAVE ALSO BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO ASK YOU TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT THE
AUGMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN GENERAL
AND THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN PARTICULAR IS
ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN
CYPRUS.

WE UNDERSTAND IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE
AUGMENTED FORCE OPERATE UNDER THE MANDATE
PROVIDED TO THE ORIGINAL FORCE IN 1964.
HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT AS A RESULT OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS THE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE
HAVE CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY. THESE CHANGES WILL
NECESSARILY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ROLES AND
TASKS THAT THE FORCE AS A WHOLE AND THE CANADIAN
CONTINGENT IN PARTICULAR ARE ASKED TO CARRY OUT
IN THE PERIOD AHEAD AND IT IS THE HOPE OF THE
CANADIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE NECESSARY CLARIFICATION
CAN BE OBTAINED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IN FACT
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ASPECTS OF THE NEW SITUATION
THAT WILL NEED TO BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW AND IT IS
OUR HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED BY REGULAR
MEETINGS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF FORCE CONTRIBUTORS.
YOURS SINCERELY,

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MITCHELL SHARP. END QUOTE.
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